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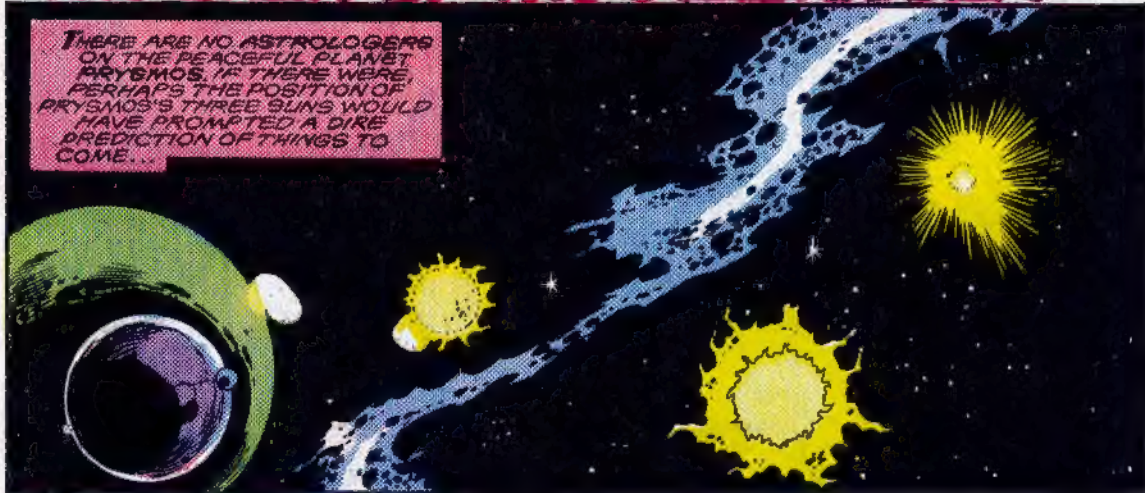
Knights of the Magical Light

**GIANT-
SIZED**
FABULOUS FANTASY
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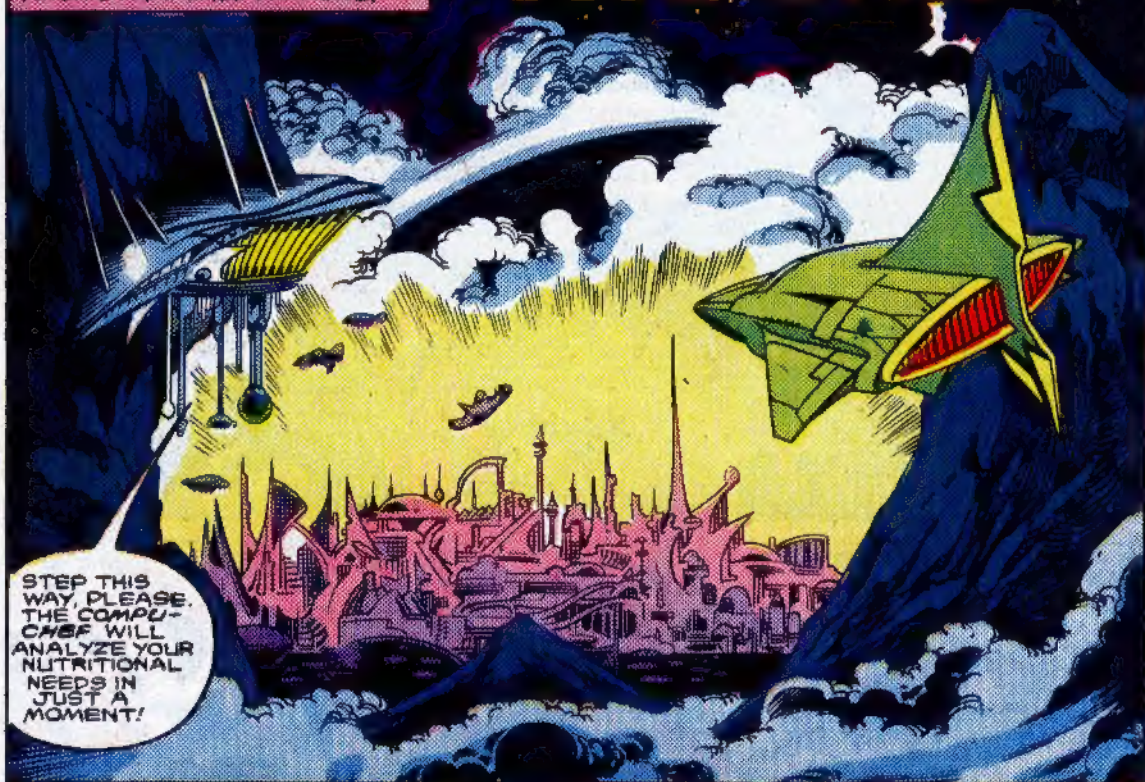
THE SAGA OF THE VISIONARIES!

THERE ARE NO ASTROLOGERS ON THE PEACEFUL PLANET PRYSNOS, IF THERE WERE, PERHAPS THE POSITION OF PRYSNOS'S THREE SUNS WOULD HAVE PROMPTED A DIKE PREDICTION OF THINGS TO COME...



BUT HIGH ABOVE THE BREATHTAKINGLY BEAUTIFUL CITY OF NEW VALARAK, SUCH CELESTIAL CONCERNS COULDN'T BE FURTHER FROM THE MINDS OF THE IRON MOUNTAIN DINER'S FAMPHERED PATRONS.

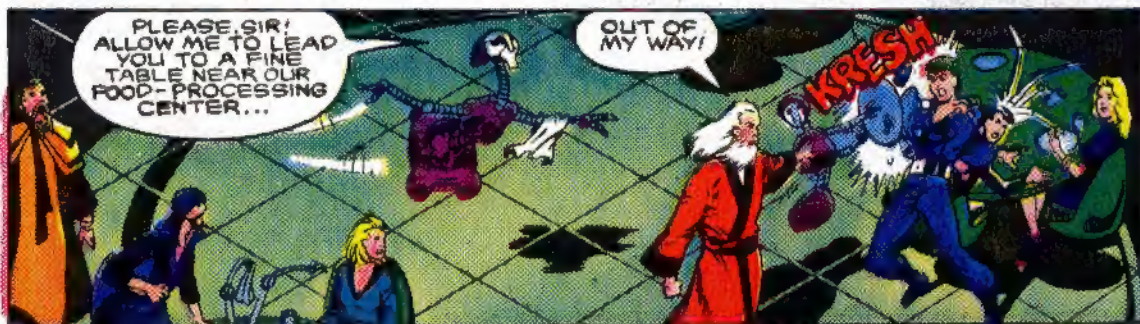
"THE END.."



STEP THIS WAY, PLEASE. THE COMPU-CHIEF WILL ANALYZE YOUR NUTRITIONAL NEEDS IN JUST A MOMENT!

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FOR AGES, I'VE WATCHED
MAN BUILD METAL SERVANTS
TO DO HIS BIDDING! I'VE
WATCHED AS HE BECAME
MORE AND MORE DEPENDENT
ON HIS MACHINES! IT'S
SICKENED ME!

TONIGHT IT ALL CHANGES!
NO MORE MACHINES TO FEED
YOU! TO TAKE YOU HOME! TO
TUCK YOU INTO YOUR BEDS!
MAN HAS GROWN SOFT AND
WEAK! NOW HE'LL HAVE
TO BE--

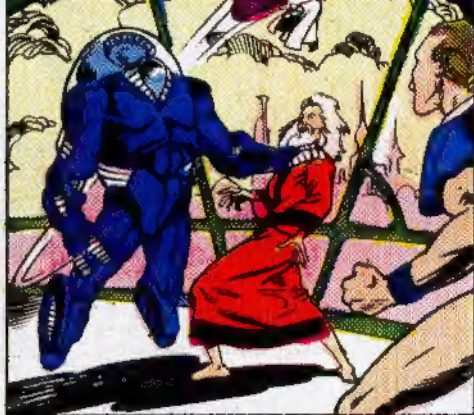


--STRONG TO
SURVIVE!

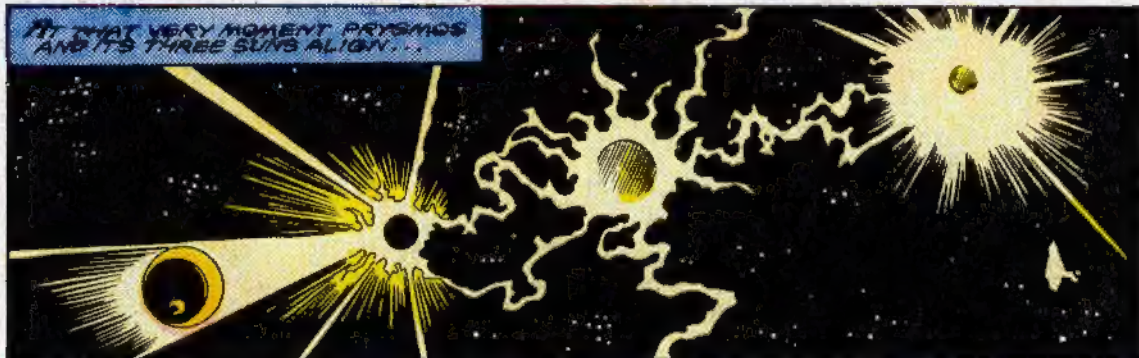
--EH?



I'M AFRAID I'M
GOING TO HAVE
TO ASK YOU TO
LEAVE.



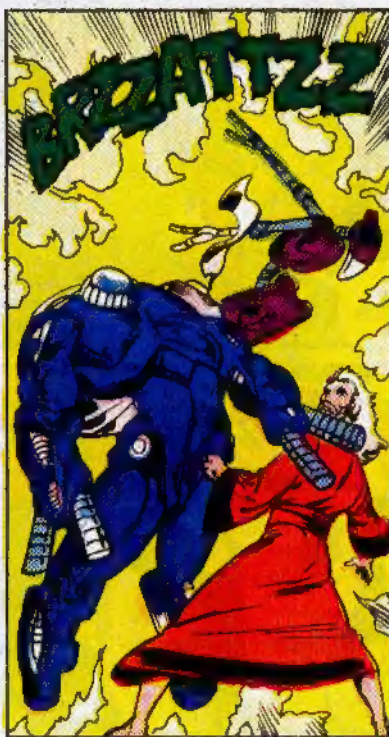
AT THAT VERY MOMENT PRYSMOS
AND ITS THREE SUNS ALIGN...



IT'S HAPPENING NOW!
I CAN FEEL IT!

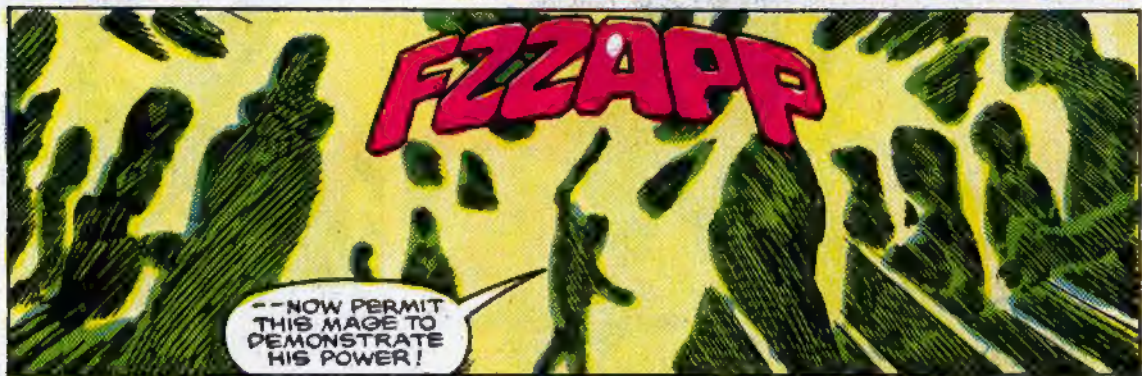
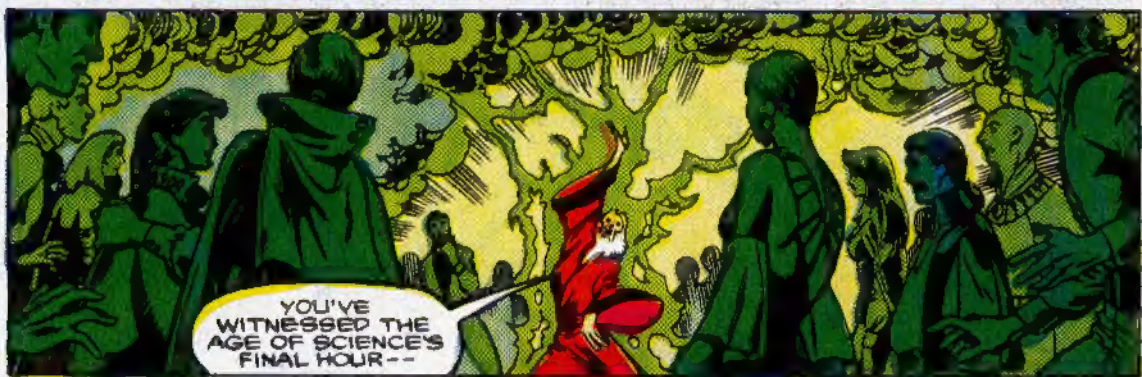
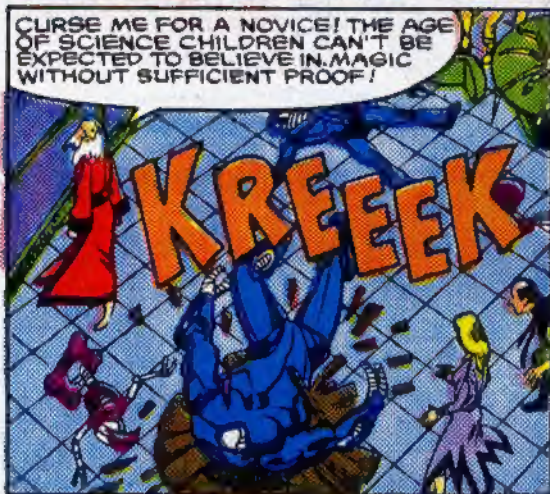


THE
AGE OF
SCIENCE
IS--



--OVER!





AND AS IF TO VALIDATE
MERKLYNN'S WORDS--"THE
AGE OF SCIENCE IS OVER"--

RRENNCH

--THE IRON MOUNTAIN
DINER SNAPS FREE
FROM ITS ANTI-GRAV
MOORINGS--



--AND COMES TO
A CATACLYSMIC
END



DAK-KOOOM

BUT THE PEOPLE
INSIDE DO NOT--
THANKS TO
THE MAGE'S SPELL
OF TELEPORTATION.

THANKS TO MAGIC!

GO NOW! RETURN TO
YOUR CITY! YOUR ONLY
HOPE FOR SURVIVAL IS
TO CREATE A BRAVE
NEW WORLD OUT OF
THE OLD!

I HAVE OTHER
MATTERS TO ATTEND...

FEAR NOT! FOR
MERKLYNN
SHALL RETURN!

ANYONE KNOW A
GOOD RESTAURANT
NEAR HERE?

OH, NO! HE'S
LEAVING US!

FZZAPP

MERKLYNN...?

EVERYWHERE ON PHYSICS THE LAWS OF SCIENCE ARE BROKEN, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE SIMPLEST DEVICES, THE MACHINES OF THIS WORLD NO LONGER FUNCTION, THE AGE OF MAGIC HAS BEGUN WITH A BANG.

A BIG BANG!

"...THE BEGINNING!"

THE GLORIOUS METROPOLIS OF NEW VALARAK BEGINS TO SELF-DESTRUCT. SKY-SHIPS SOAR WILDLY OUT OF CONTROL, CRASHING INTO DARK, POWERLESS TOWERS.

KRA-BLOOM

WE'VE GOT NO POWER! WE'RE OUT OF CONTROL! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?!

COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS NO LONGER OPERATE

SAFETY SYSTEMS FAIL

TRANSPORT VEHICLES GRIND TO A HALT

POWER GENERATORS SHUT DOWN

SCIENTISTS CANNOT EXPLAIN WHY THEIR WORLD HAS STOPPED MAKING SENSE. THEY CANNOT EXPLAIN WHAT WENT WRONG, WORSE, THEY HAVE NO IDEA WHAT TO DO NOW.

SHROOM

BUH-KOOM

PA-POOM

BLOOM

AMIDST THE RAMPANT DESTRUCTION ALL ANYONE CAN DO IS FIGHT TO STAY ALIVE.

IN THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOW, ALL TRACES OF THE ONCE PEACEFUL SOCIETY VANISH TO BE REPLACED BY THE HORRORS OF BARBARISM.

AND FROM THE RUINS RISES A NEW ORDER...

...COBBLED
TOGETHER FROM
BITS AND PIECES
OF THE OLD



WEARING SUITS OF ARMOR FORGED FROM
THE REMAINS OF USELESS MACHINERY,
MODERN DAY KNIGHTS TRAIN IN THE
ARTS OF COMBAT TO DEFEND AND PROTECT
THEIR COMMUNITIES.



NO LONGER DO THE PEOPLE OF THIS NASCENT SOCIETY
ASK WHY THEIR OLD WORLD SO BRUTALLY BETRAYED THEM.
INSTEAD, THEY FOCUS ALL THEIR ENERGY ON TRYING TO
STAY ALIVE IN THIS NEW WORLD.

EYAAH!
MOVE IT,
RABBLE--OR
TASTE THE
STEEL OF
REEKON'S
BATTLE-
BLADE!



RUN!
RUN FOR
YOUR
LIVES!

THE MAD
KNIGHT IS OUT
FOR BLOOD!

HA! THE FOOLS HAVE
STUMBLERIGHT INTO
MY...



...TRAP!

WHAT ARE
YOU GOING TO
DO TO US?



THAT'S FOR
DARKSTORM TO
DECIDE!

WELL DONE, REEKON! YOU
SHALL BE REWARDED AMPLY!
MORTDREDD, PREPARE THE
PRISONERS FOR THE SLAVE
PENS!



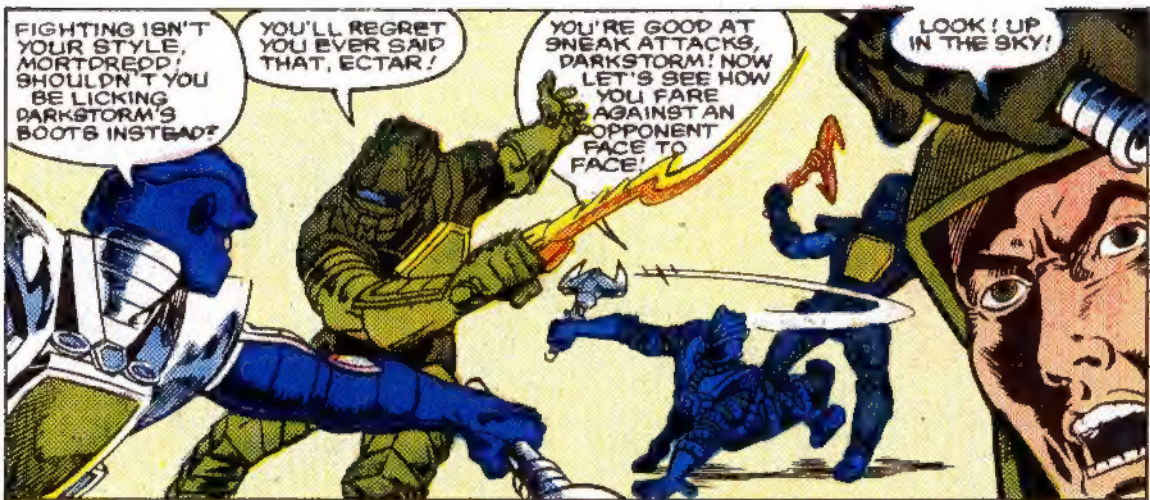
BUT WHAT
ABOUT MY
FAMILY? WHO
WILL TAKE
CARE OF
THEM?

SILENCE,
SLAVE! IT
IS AN HONOR
TO SERVE
THE MIGHTY
DARKSTORM!

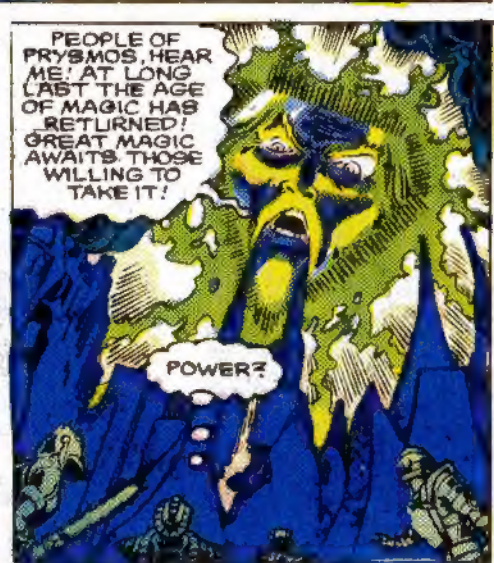
SAVE YOUR BREATH,
MORTDREDD! THERE'S
NO NEED FOR DEBATE,
THEIR FATES ARE
SEALED!







KRA-KOOM



AND NEITHER CAN DARKSTORM! DAYS LATER AT HIS DARK DOMAIN...

LEORIC IS A BLEEDING HEART! THESE TIMES CALL FOR A LEADER OF GREAT INTERNAL STRENGTH, UNAFRAID TO MAKE TOUGH, UNPOPULAR DECISIONS THAT NEED TO BE MADE IF THIS WORLD IS TO SURVIVE!

A LEADER SUCH AS MYSELF!

YOU ARE SO RIGHT, GREAT DARKSTORM!

OF COURSE I AM MORTDREDD! THAT IS WHY WE MUST BE THE ONES TO POSSESS THIS POWER THE OLD MAN IN THE SKY SPOKE ABOUT! ISN'T THAT RIGHT, REEKON?

HEY, MORE POWER TO YOU!

YOU ARE AS ELOQUENT AS EVER, MY FRIEND! AND YOU ARE ALSO QUITE CORRECT!

WE MUST SHIFT THE BALANCE OF POWER TO OUR SIDE! ONLY THEN WILL WE BE ABLE TO ELIMINATE LEORIC AND HIS FOOLISH FOLLOWERS!

WHILE AT LEORIC'S STRONGHOLD IN NEW VALARAX...

I DON'T TRUST THIS OLD MAN, WHY DIDN'T HE JUST GIVE US THIS GREAT POWER OF WHICH HE SPOKE? WHY MUST WE PLAY GAMES?

IS HE JUST MAKING US JUMP THROUGH HOOPS FOR HIS AMUSEMENT?

AND WHAT IF HE IS? DO WE HAVE ANY CHANCE, LEORIC?

ECTAR'S RIGHT! WE MUST TRY TO GET THIS MAGICAL POWER-- FOR IF WE DON'T DARKSTORM WILL!

AND I DON'T WANT TO EVEN THINK ABOUT WHAT THAT FIEND WOULD DO WITH SUCH POWER!

IT'S DECIDED THEN! WE MUST TRY TO WIN THE MAGIC POWER!

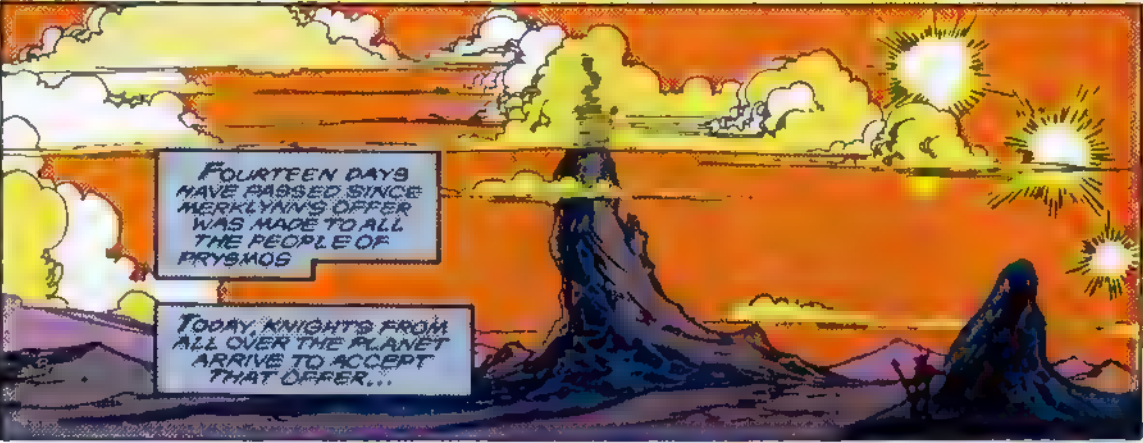
SO BE IT!

WHILE OUTSIDE THE CHAMBER...

IT'S MOST FORTUNATE THAT I STOPPED BY HERE ON MY WAY TO THE IRON MOUNTAIN.

THE POLITICAL CLIMATE OF THIS REGION IS NOW QUITE CLEAR!

AFTER ALL AM I NOT KNOWN IN SOME QUARTERS AS CRAVEY THE CURIOUS?




FOURTEEN DAYS
HAVE PASSED SINCE
MERKLYNN'S OFFER
WAS MADE TO ALL
THE PEOPLE OF
PRYSMOS

TODAY, KNIGHTS FROM
ALL OVER THE PLANET
ARRIVE TO ACCEPT
THAT OFFER...

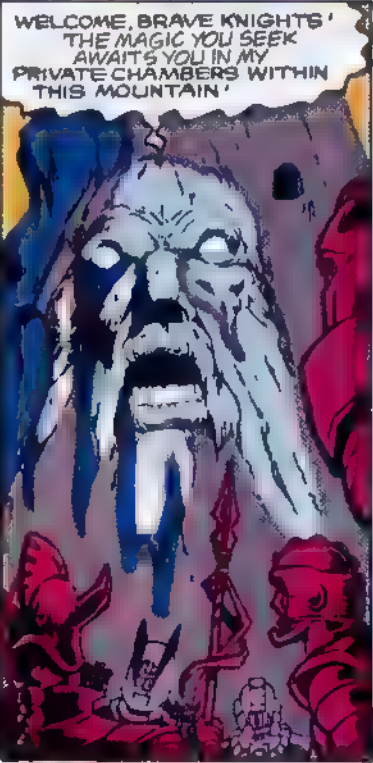


THEY COME TO THE IRON
MOUNTAIN FROM FAR AND
NEAR IN SEARCH OF
MAGIC!




WHAT SORCERY BE
THIS? A FACE IS
FORMING ON THE
MOUNTAINSIDE!

'TIS THE FACE
OF HIM WHO
SUMMONED
US HERE!



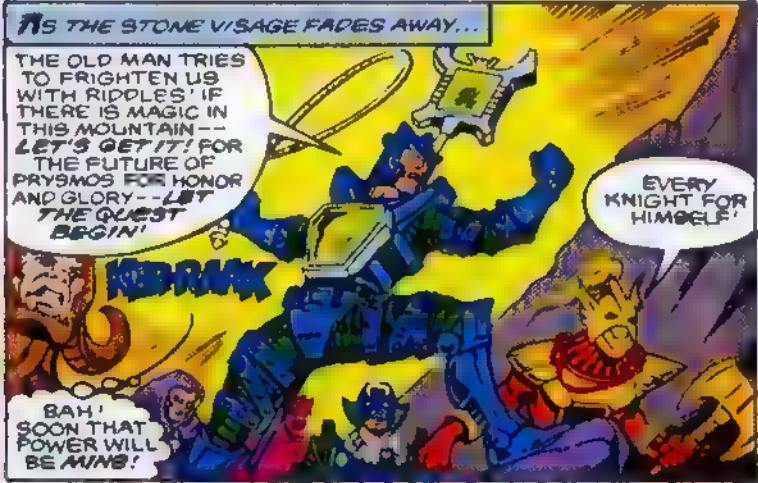
WELCOME, BRAVE KNIGHTS!
THE MAGIC YOU SEEK
AWAITS YOU IN MY
PRIVATE CHAMBERS WITHIN
THIS MOUNTAIN!



BUT BE WARNED
THAT ONLY
THOSE WITH
STRONG VISIONS
OF THE FUTURE
AND EVEN
STRONGER WILL
CAN HOPE TO
SEIZE AND
CONTROL SUCH
POWER!

OTHERWISE,
THE POWER
WILL TAKE
CONTROL,
AND IT WILL
DESTROY
YOU!

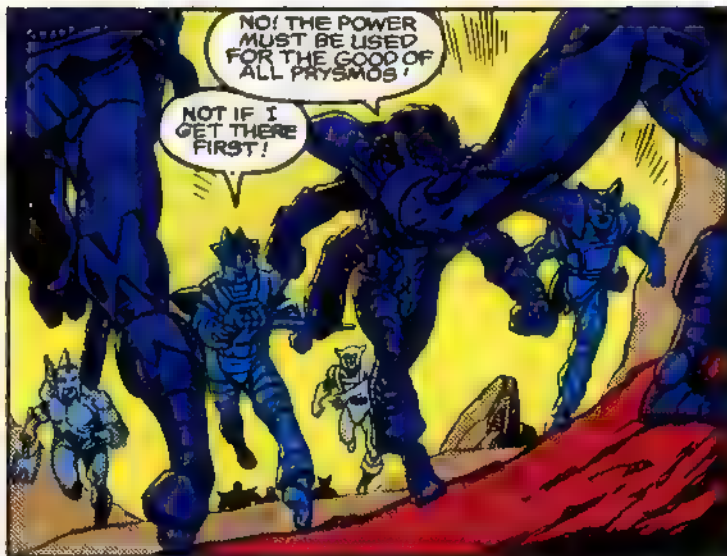
AS THE STONE VISAGE FADES AWAY...



THE OLD MAN TRIES
TO FRIGHTEN US
WITH RIDDLES! IF
THERE IS MAGIC IN
THIS MOUNTAIN --
LET'S GET IT! FOR
THE FUTURE OF
PRYSMOS FOR HONOR
AND GLORY -- **LET
THE QUEST
BEGIN!**

EVERY
KNIGHT FOR
HIMSELF!

BAH!
SOON THAT
POWER WILL
BE MINE!



NO! THE POWER
MUST BE USED
FOR THE GOOD OF
ALL PHYSMOS!

NOT IF I
GET THERE
FIRST!



SOON... THERE!
THAT
MUST BE THE
SECRET CHAMBER!

THAT'S
TOO EASY!
IT COULD
BE A
TRAP!



THAT'S JUST LIKE
YOU, GALADRIA!
ALWAYS LOOKING
A GIFT HORSE IN
THE MOUTH!

BUT WHAT
IF IT'S A
TRAP--?



BAH! STAY
BEHIND IF YOU
LIKE, IT'LL
JUST LEAVE
MORE MAGIC
FOR US!

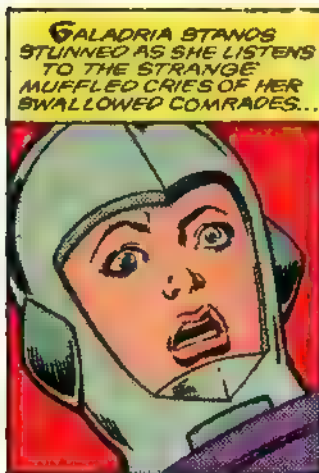
BUT--!



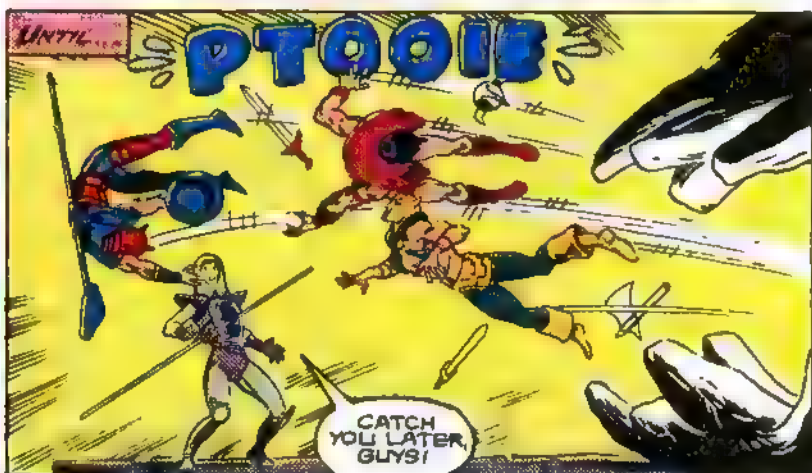
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IT'S
ALIVE!

I KNEW
IT!

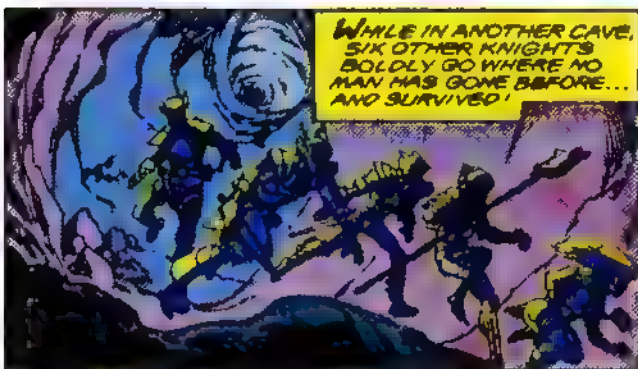
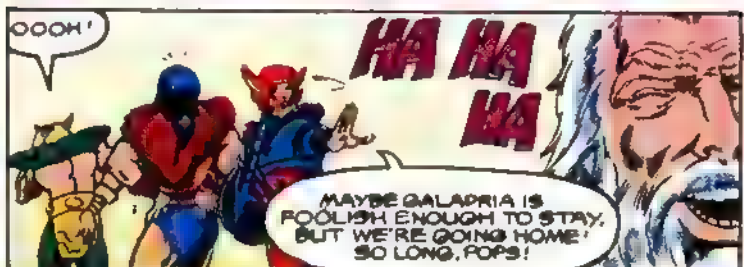


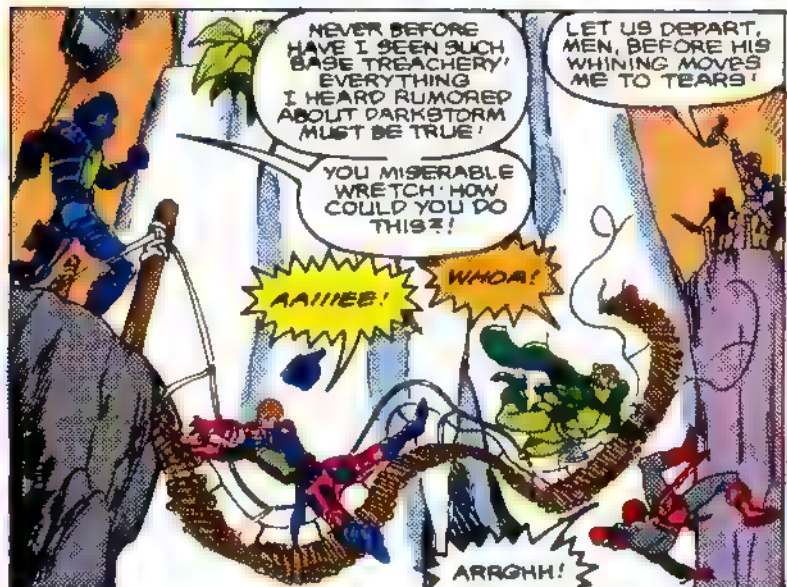
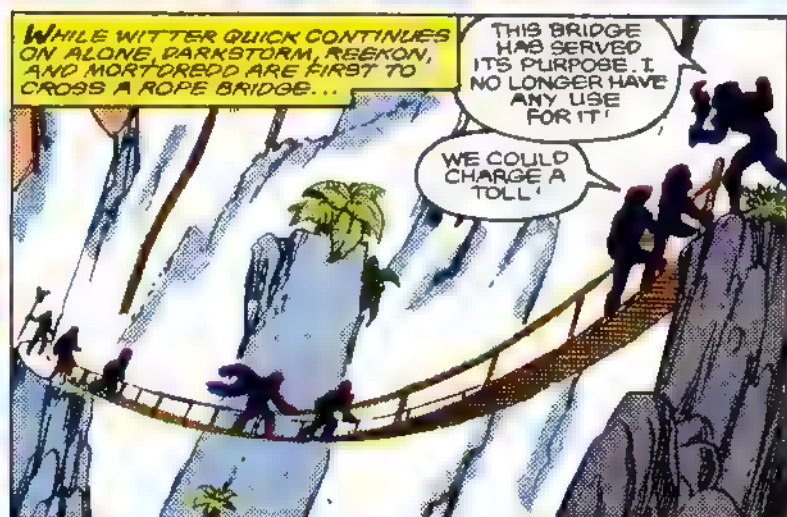
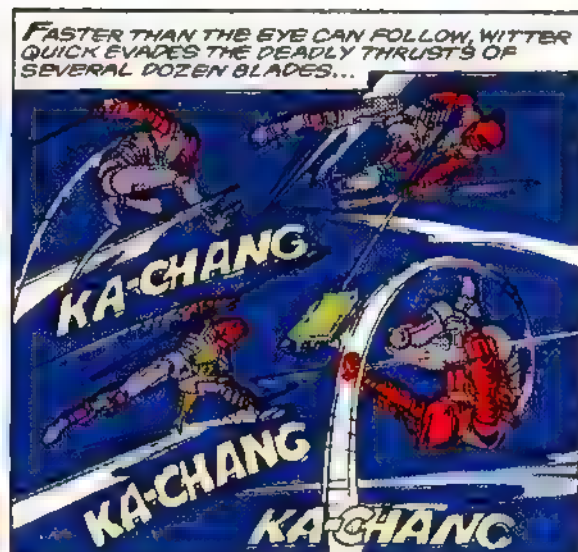
GALADRIA STANDS
STUNNED AS SHE LISTENS
TO THE STRANGE
MUFFLED CRIES OF HER
SWALLOWED COMRADES...

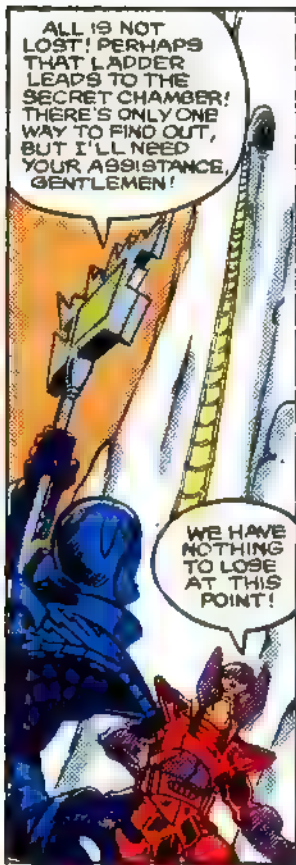


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CATCH
YOU LATER,
GUYS!

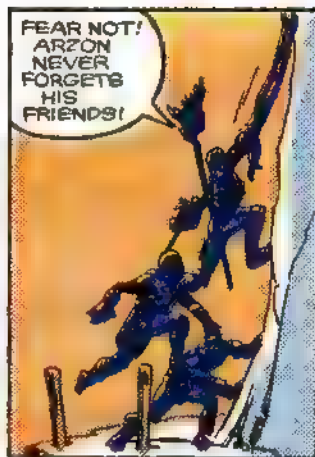






ALL IS NOT LOST! PERHAPS THAT LADDER LEADS TO THE SECRET CHAMBER! THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT, BUT I'LL NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE, GENTLEMEN!

WE HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE AT THIS POINT!

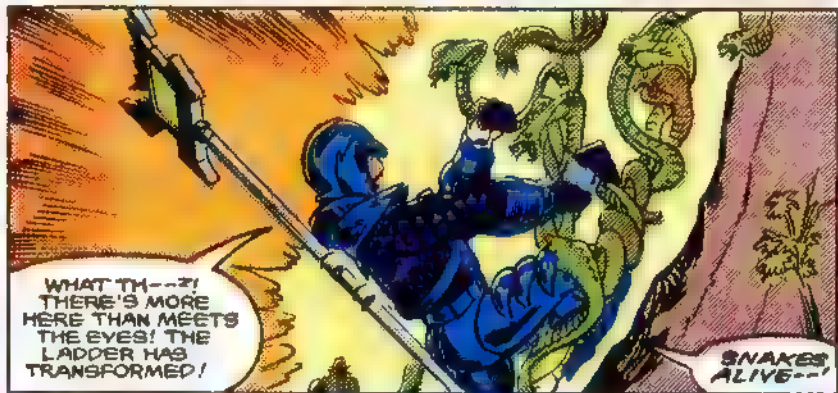


FEAR NOT! ARZON NEVER FORGETS HIS FRIENDS!



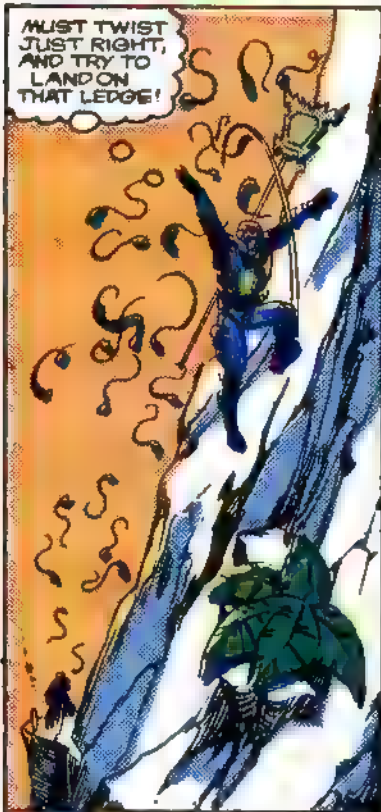
CAREFUL, LAD!

ALMOST THERE--!



WHAT TH--?! THERE'S MORE HERE THAN MEETS THE EYES! THE LADDER HAS TRANSFORMED!

SNAKES ALIVE--!

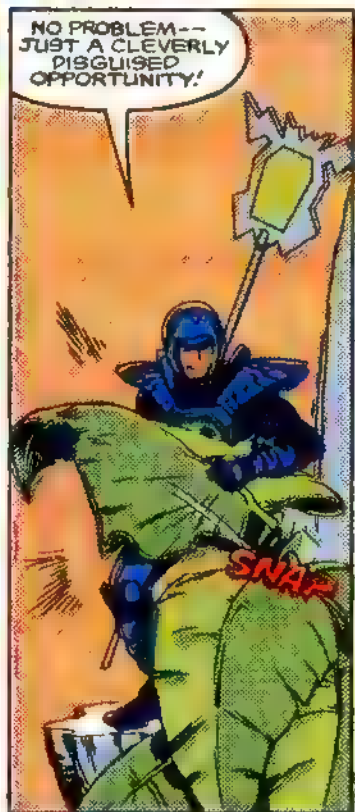


MUST TWIST JUST RIGHT, AND TRY TO LAND ON THAT LEDGE!



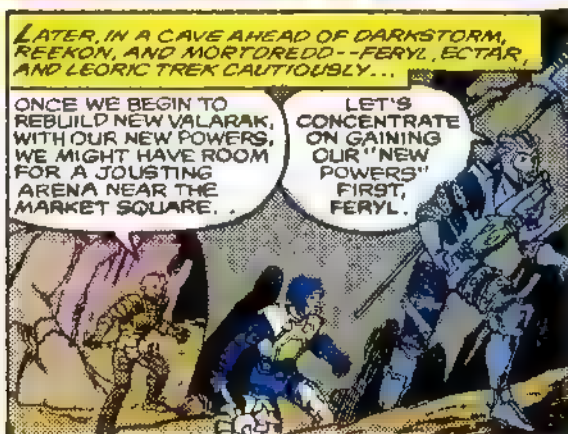
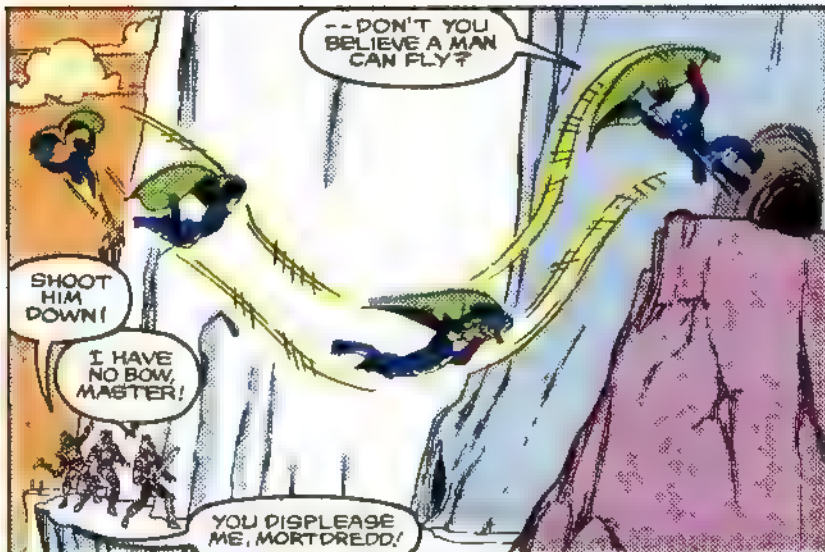
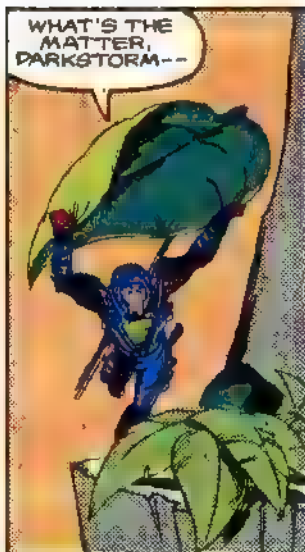
MADE IT!

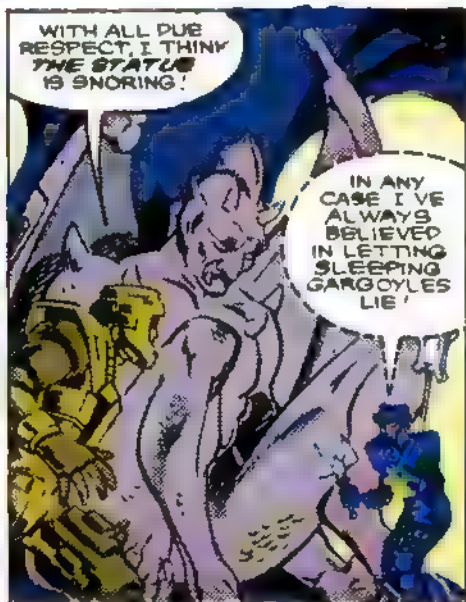
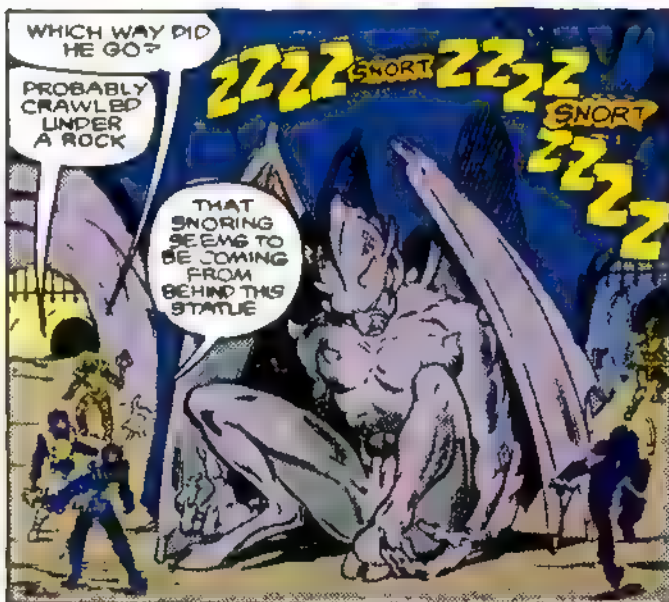
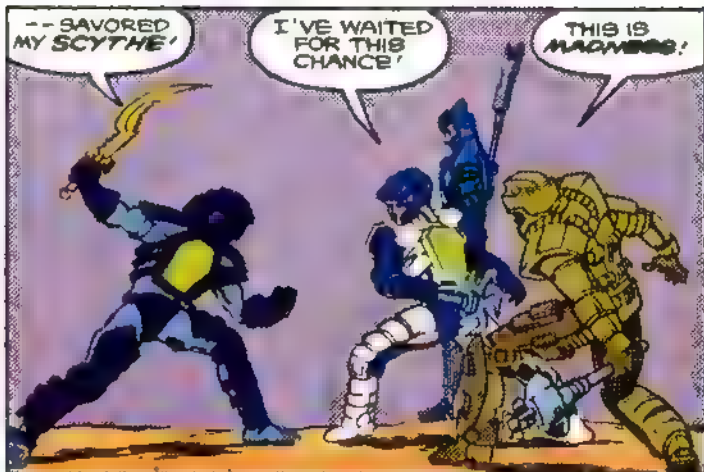
YOU SEEM TO HAVE A PROBLEM, CLIFF DWELLER!

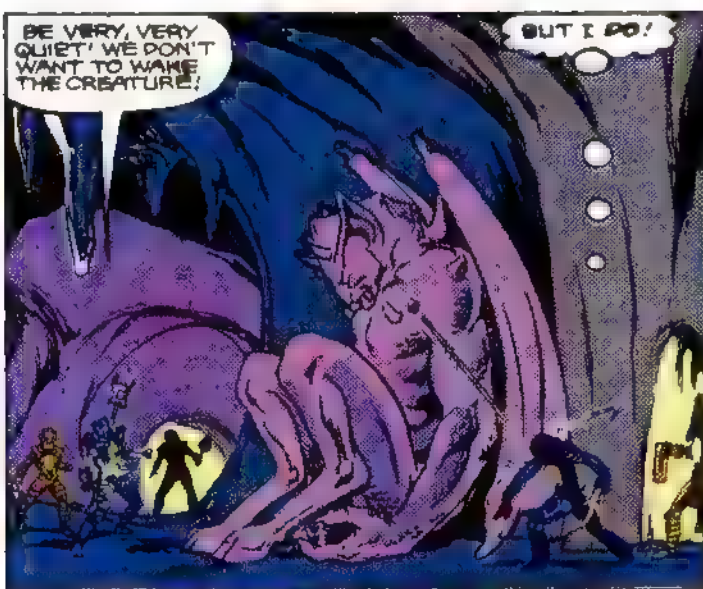


NO PROBLEM-- JUST A CLEVERLY DISGUISED OPPORTUNITY!

SNAP







BE VERY, VERY
QUIET! WE DON'T
WANT TO WAKE
THE CREATURE!

BUT I DO!



RRARGH!!



RRARGH!!

NAP-
TIME'S
OVER!



RRARGH!!

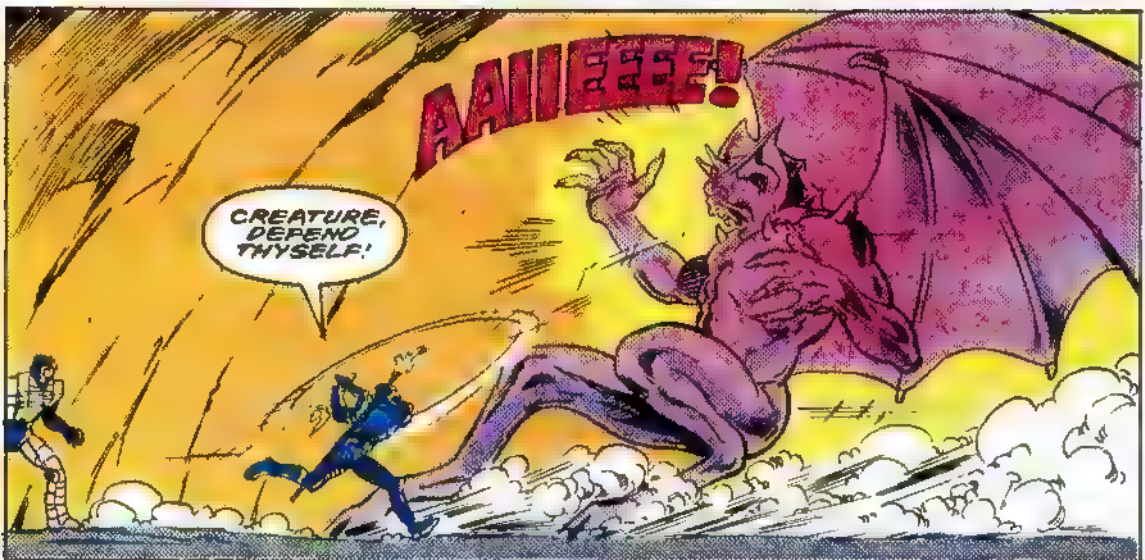
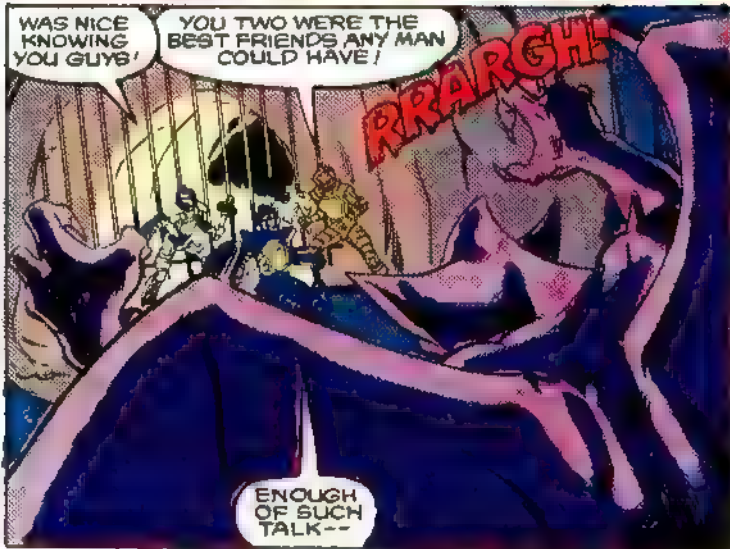
HE'S
NOT BIG ON
CONVERSATION--
HE'S JUST
BIG!

SAVE
YOUR
BREATH,
PERYL, AND
RUN!



THEY'RE
NOT GOING
ANYWHERE!

MA! THAT
MONSTER'S GOING
TO DO OUR WORK
FOR US,
MORTDREDD!



SLOWLY, SURELY, INCH BY INCH, DARKSTORM MAKES HIS WAY BACK UP THE SHAFT.

WHEN I GET MY HANDS ON THAT SMART - MOUTH SKELETON, I'LL BREAK EVERY ONE OF HIS BONES **THREE** TIMES!

ELSEWHERE IN THE IRON MOUNTAIN, GALADRIA CONTINUES HER QUEST. BUT SHE IS NOT ALONE...

I MUST STRIKE SWIFTLY BEFORE SHE DETECTS MY PRESENCE!

THIS IS PERFECT. READY, SET--

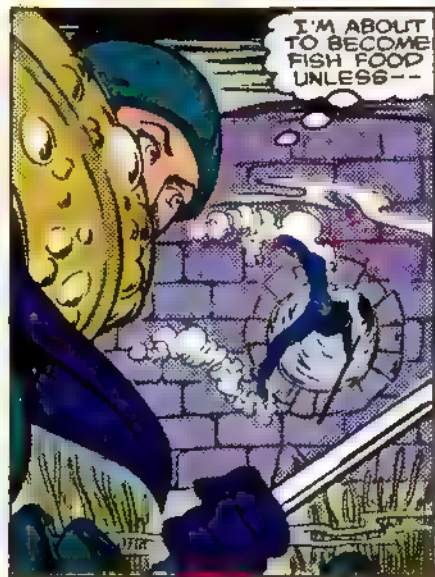
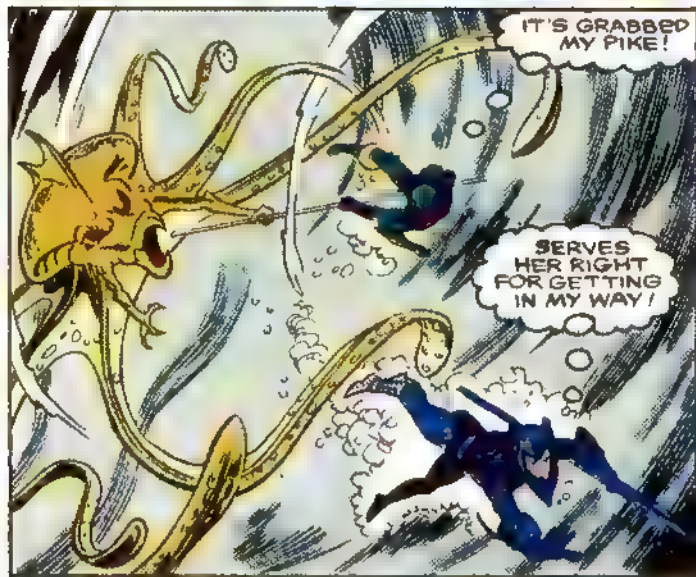
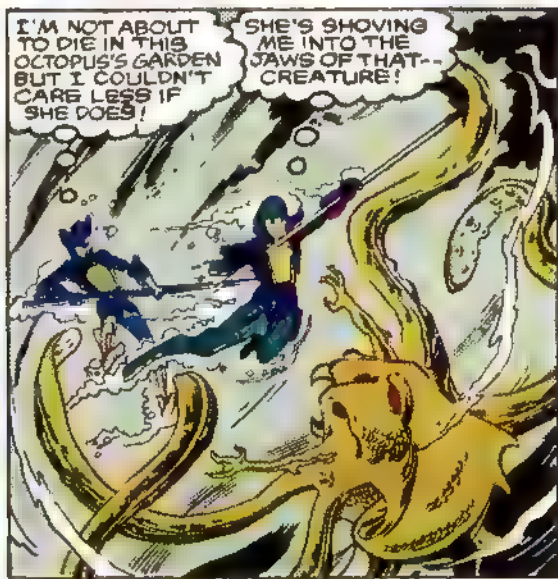
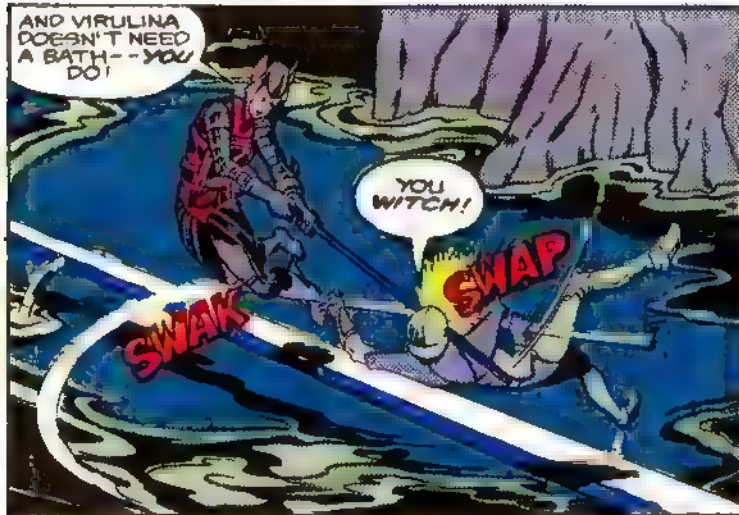
--GO!

IMPOSSIBLE! SHE DUCKED!

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED TAKING A BATH? IT MIGHT MAKE IT EASIER FOR YOU TO SNEAK UP ON SOMEONE.

I WASN'T SNEAKING! I WAS MERELY TRYING TO AVOID LOOKING AT YOUR WRETCHED FACE!

SWISSH



HIGH ABOVE THE
UNSPECIFIED
KNIGHTS, CRAVEK
WAITS TO SET
HIS TRAP

BZZZZZZZZZ


WE'RE
PROBABLY
NEAR A NEST
OF WINGED
INSECTS PAY
IT NO MIND.

I'M MORE
INTERESTED IN OUR
FUTURE--ONCE WE
ACQUIRE THESE NEW
POWERS I ENVISION
THE CREATION OF
A LEAGUE OF
KNIGHTS DEDICATED
TO THE CAUSE OF
JUSTICE!

IT WOULD COMBINE
MY EXPERTISE
WITH WEAPONRY YOUR
DETECTIVE SKILLS--

A cartoon illustration of a man in a blue suit and red tie, holding a long, thin object (possibly a telescope or a stick) and looking up at a thought bubble containing the text "WHAT SMALL MINDS!". The man is depicted in a dynamic, almost falling or jumping pose, with his body angled towards the viewer. The background is filled with dark, horizontal, brushstroke-like lines, suggesting a sense of motion or a dark, possibly underwater, environment. The thought bubble is simple, with a single line leading from the man's head to it. The overall style is reminiscent of mid-20th-century comic book art.

THEY DID LEAVE
BEHIND SEVERAL FINE
WEAPONS. I MUST ADMIT,
PERFECT FOR MY
COLLECTION!



STILL ELSEWHERE, IN A FROZEN CHAMBER, TWO FORMER FOES RENEW THEIR COLD WAR...

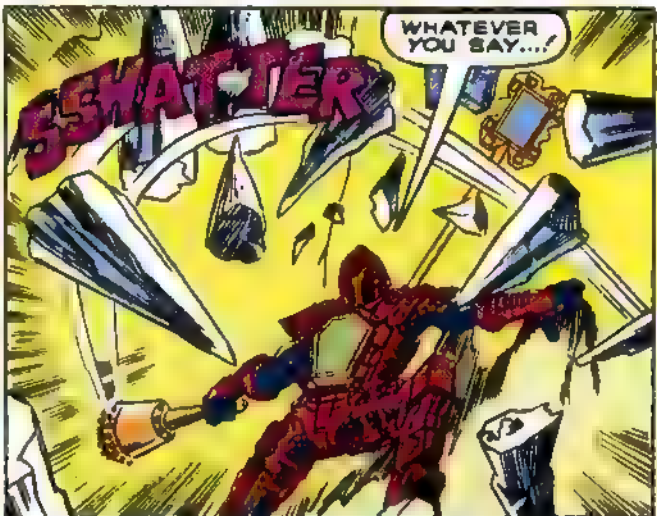
WHAT'S WRONG, CRYOTEK, HAVE YOU LOST YOUR WAY?

NO, CINDARR, BUT YOU HAVE FOLLOWED ME LONG ENOUGH! IF YOU WANT TO MAKE IT TO THE SECRET CHAMBER, YOU'LL HAVE TO GET PAST ME FIRST!

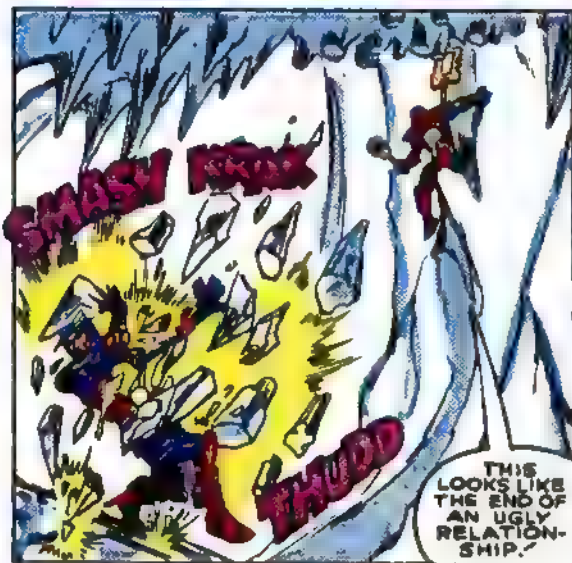
FOR ONCE, I AGREE!



NOW YOU'RE SHOWING YOUR TRUE COLORS, COWARD! COME BACK HERE AND FINISH WHAT WE'VE STARTED! LET'S END THIS ONCE AND FOR ALL!



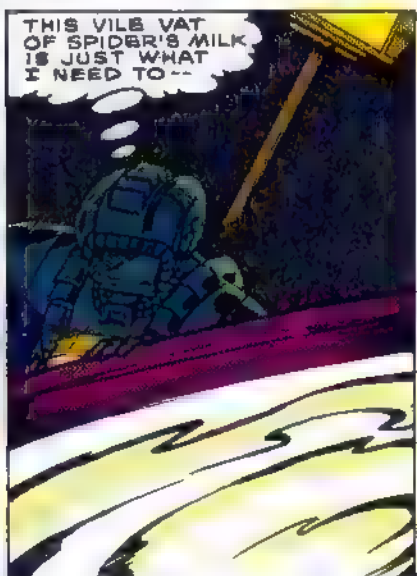
WHATEVER YOU SAY....!



THUDD
THIS LOOKS LIKE THE END OF AN UGLY RELATIONSHIP!

YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, WON'T YOU? I HAVE A DATE WITH DESTINY!







--TO GET THEIR ATTENTION!



WHAT IS THIS FOUL SUBSTANCE?



MUST FREE MYSELF-- BEFORE CRYOTEK BLUNDERS THIS WAY AND FINDS ME TRAPPED!

CAN'T GET UP!

CRAVEX, YOU MUST FREE US!

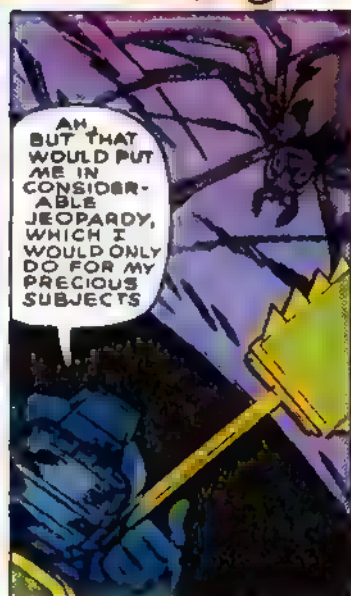
ARE YOU BLIND? CAN'T YOU SEE THAT I TOO STRUGGLE TO--



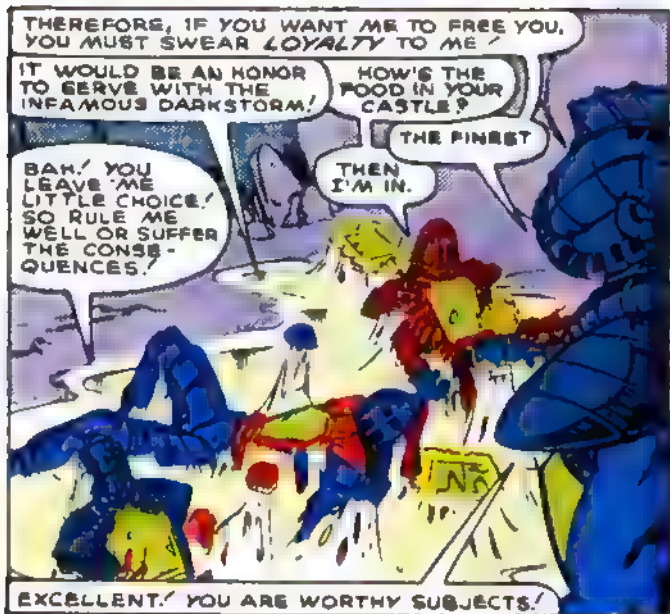
MY, MY! WHAT HAVE I STUMBLED UPON--? BRAVE KNIGHTS STUCK IN STICKY GOO?

DON'T JUST STAND THERE-- DO SOMETHING!

YOU'VE HAD YOUR LAUGH, NOW SET US FREE!



AH, BUT THAT WOULD PUT ME IN CONSIDERABLE JEOPARDY, WHICH I WOULD ONLY DO FOR MY PRECIOUS SUBJECTS



THEREFORE, IF YOU WANT ME TO FREE YOU, YOU MUST SWEAR LOYALTY TO ME!

IT WOULD BE AN HONOR TO SERVE WITH THE INFAMOUS DARKSTORM!

HOW'S THE FOOD IN YOUR CASTLE?

THE FINEST

THEN I'M IN.

BAH! YOU LEAVE ME LITTLE CHOICE! SO RULE ME WELL OR SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES!

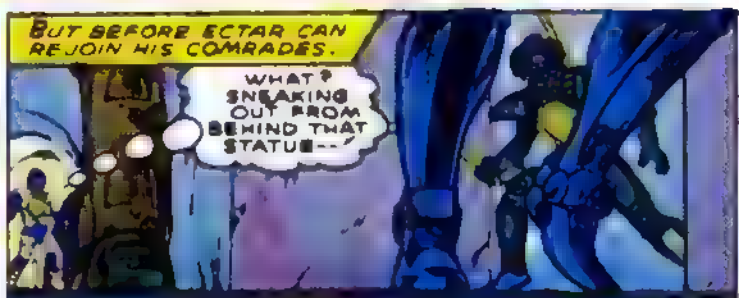
EXCELLENT! YOU ARE WORTHY SUBJECTS!



ELSEWHERE

WE COULD SPEND THE REST OF OUR DAYS LOST HERE, FERYL!

NO, ECTAR! I SMELL FRESH AIR





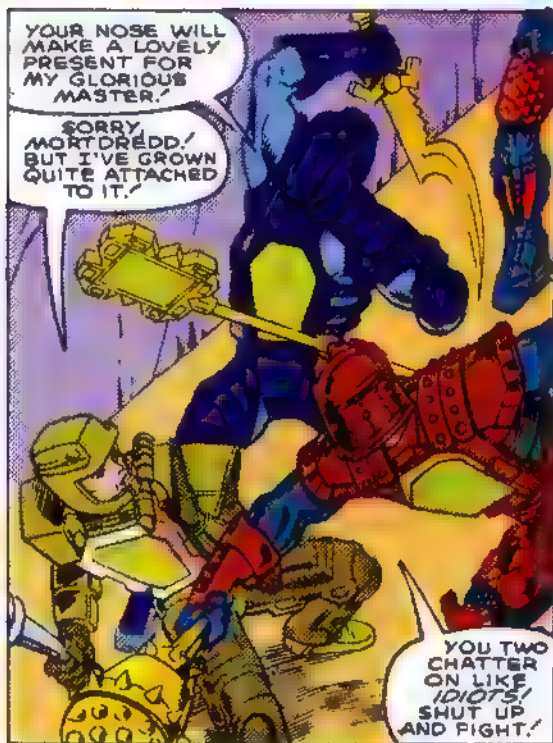
YOU WERE A FOOL, DARKSTORM, TO THINK YOU COULD CATCH US, UNAWARE!

DIE, DARK-LING LORDS!

DARKLING LORDS, I LIKE THE SOUND OF THAT!

THEN SAVOR IT WELL, FOR IT SHALL BE THE LAST SOUND YOU HEAR!

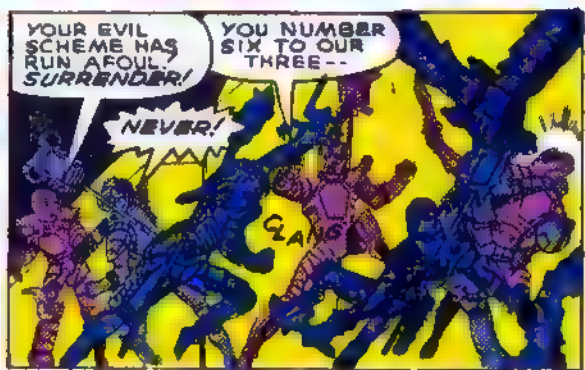
I SHOULD HAVE SENSED THIS ATTACK! THE SCENT OF FEAR HANGS HEAVY IN THE AIR!



YOUR NOSE WILL MAKE A LOVELY PRESENT FOR MY GLORIOUS MASTER!

SORRY, MORTDREDD, BUT I'VE GROWN QUITE ATTACHED TO IT!

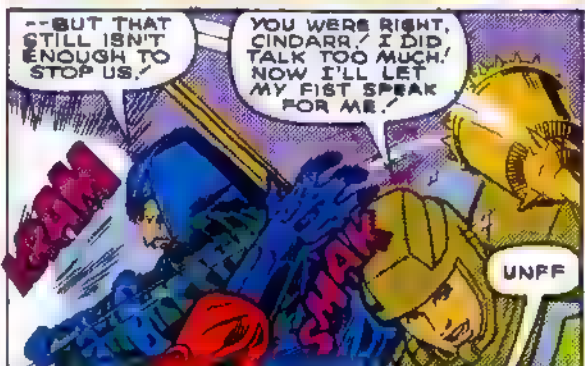
YOU TWO CHATTER ON LIKE IDIOTS! SHUT UP AND FIGHT!



YOUR EVIL SCHEME HAS RUN AFOUL, SURRENDER!

YOU NUMBER SIX TO OUR THREE--

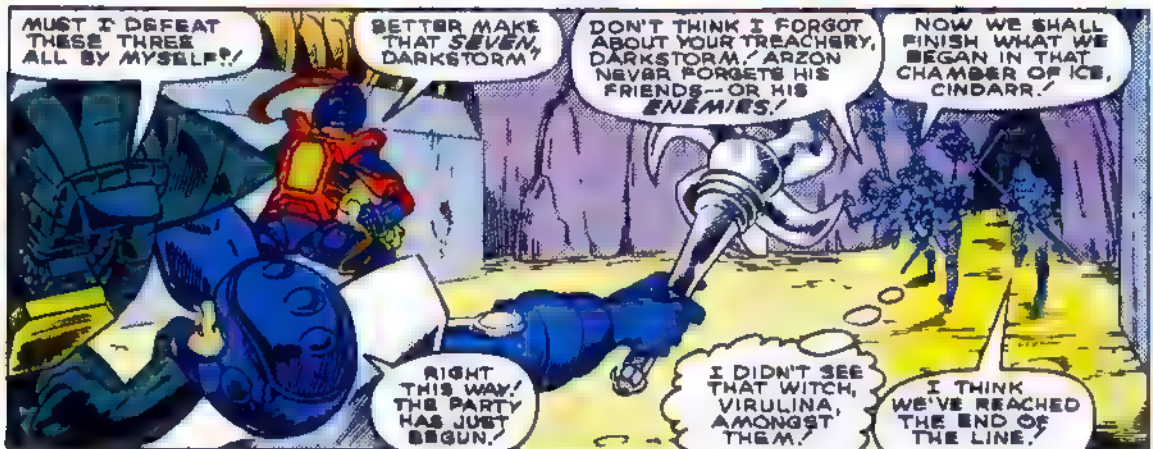
NEVER!



--BUT THAT STILL ISN'T ENOUGH TO STOP US!

YOU WERE RIGHT, CINDARR, I DID TALK TOO MUCH! NOW I'LL LET MY FIST SPEAK FOR ME!

UNFF



MUST I DEFEAT THESE THREE ALL BY MYSELF?!

BETTER MAKE THAT SEVEN, DARKSTORM!

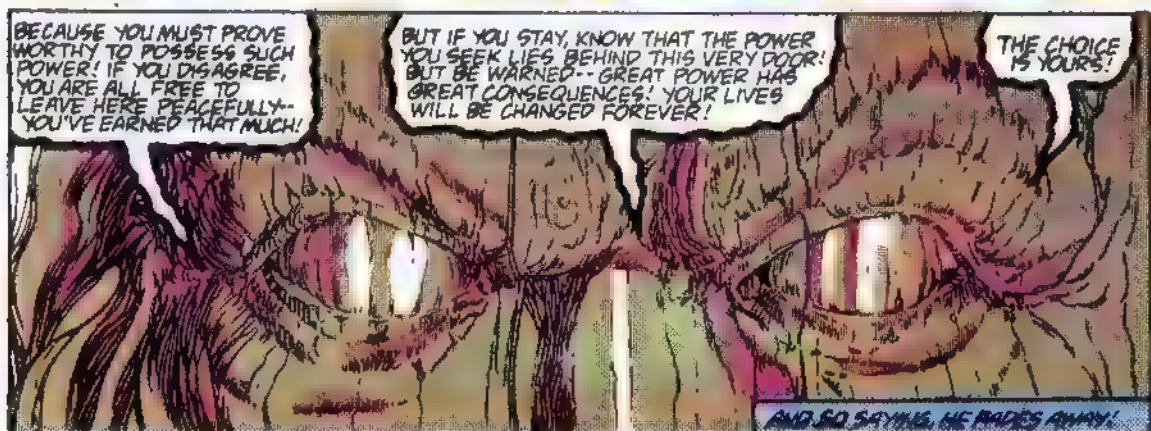
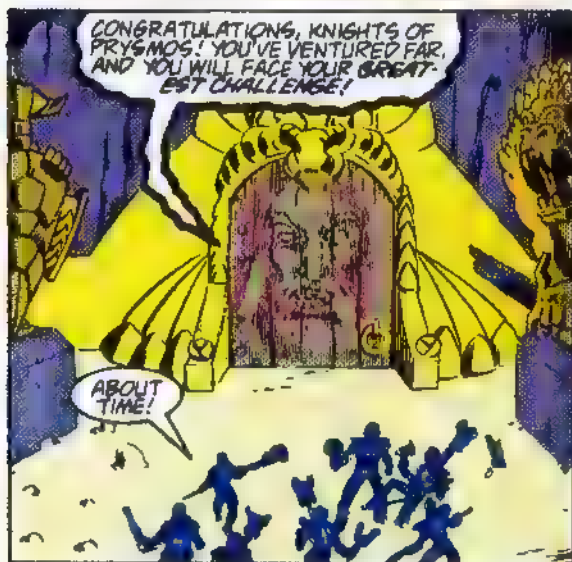
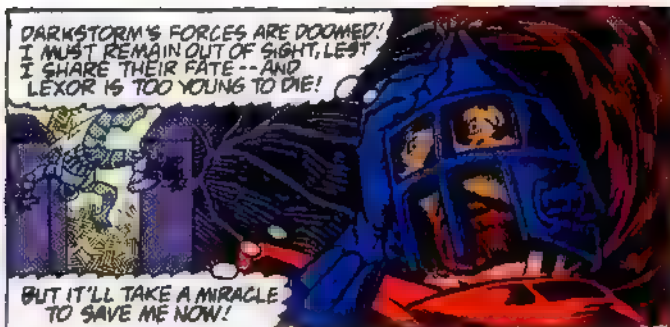
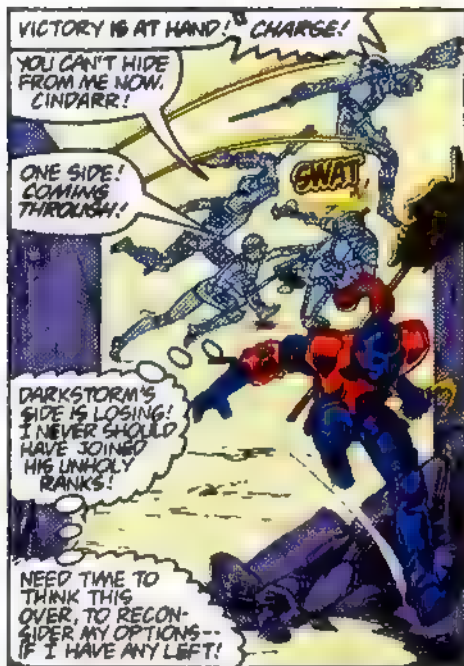
DON'T THINK I FORGOT ABOUT YOUR TREACHERY, DARKSTORM, ARZON NEVER FORGETS HIS FRIENDS--OR HIS ENEMIES!

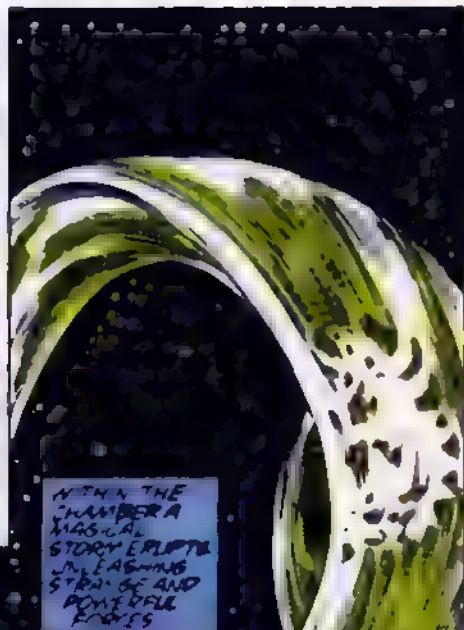
NOW WE SHALL FINISH WHAT WE BEGAN IN THAT CHAMBER OF ICE, CINDARR!

RIGHT THIS WAY! THE PARTY HAS JUST BEGUN!

I DIDN'T SEE THAT WITCH, VIRULINA, AMONGST THEM!

I THINK WE'VE REACHED THE END OF THE LINE!





FOR SEVERAL TENSE MOMENTS THE KNIGHTS STAND FROZEN IN PLACE UNABLE TO FATHOM THE PHANTASMA GIORIA BEFORE THEM...

'TIS LIKE NOTHING I'VE SEEN BEFORE. YET THERE'S SOMETHING FAMILIAR ABOUT IT ALL...

THEY MOVE FASTER THAN LIGHT! WE COULD NEVER EVADE THESE... SPIRITS!

WE WON'T HAVE TO! TAKE COURAGE KNIGHTS, AND--

...FOLLOW ME!

MY HEART'S POUNDING, MY HANDS TREMBLE, AND MY KNEES SHAKE--YET LEORIC'S WORDS GIVE ME STRENGTH TO GO ON!

AS EVER, MY SENSES TELL ME TO TRUST LEORIC!

IS LEORIC AS BRAVE AS HE SEEMS, OR A FOOL? AND WHAT AM I TO FOLLOW HIM?

THE KNIGHTS PROCEED TO ENTER THE CHAMBER EACH BATTLING HIS INNERMOST FEARS, AS THE PHANTASMS RETURN TO THE CRYSTAL SPHERE WHENCE THEY CAME...

'TIS OVER! WE FACED OUR "GREATEST CHALLENGE" AND STAND BEFORE YOU! THE TIME OF RECKONING HAS COME!

YOU HAVE DONE WELL, KNIGHTS OF PRYLOS! THESE WERE NO MINDLESS MONSTERS MAKING MISTAKE LIKE THOSE YOU ENCOUNTERED EARLIER! NO, THESE "SPIRITS" WERE MYSTICAL REFLECTIONS OF YOUR DARKEST, MOST SECRET FEARS! TO CONQUER THEM, YOU HAD TO CONQUER YOURSELVES!

YOU FOURTEEN KNIGHTS SHALL COMPRIZE THE VANGUARD OF A NEW BREED OF WARRIOR! FOR YOU SHALL ALL BE GRANTED MAGICAL MIGHT AND POWER UNDREAMT!

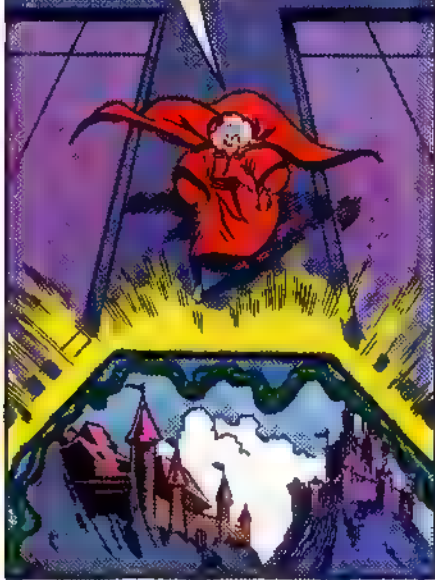
WHO ARE YOU?

AH, I FORGOT THAT WE WEREN'T PROPERLY INTRODUCED.

I AM... MERKLYNN!

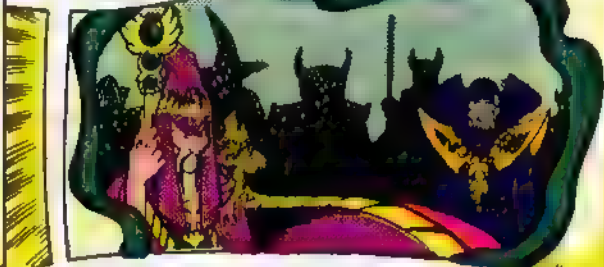
AND I AM MORGAN MCDONALD!

CAST YOUR GAZE UPON THE MYSTICAL POOL AND BEHOLD THE GRANDEUR AND GLORY THAT WAS ONCE PRYSMOS-- BEFORE THE INFERNAL AGE OF SCIENCE!

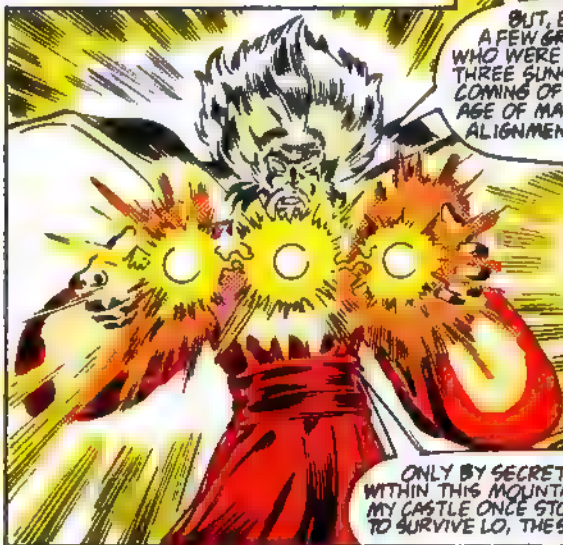


IT WAS THE AGE OF MAGIC! AND MAN WAS STRONG, VIGOROUS AND FREE! HE FARMED, HE HUNTED-- HIS FATE WAS DECIDED BY HIS OWN HAND! THERE WERE NO ASSEMBLAGES OF METAL TO CODDLE HIM! NO TIN MEN TO CARE FOR HIS EVERY NEED! NO WALKING PILES OF JUNK TO FIGHT FOR HIM! THEY WERE STRONG-- AND THE STRONGEST WERE THE PROUD KNIGHTS OF PRYSMOS!

AND UP FROM THE RANKS ROSE THE FEW WHO DARED TO DABBLE IN THE MYSTIC ARTS-- THE MAGES OF PRYSMOS!



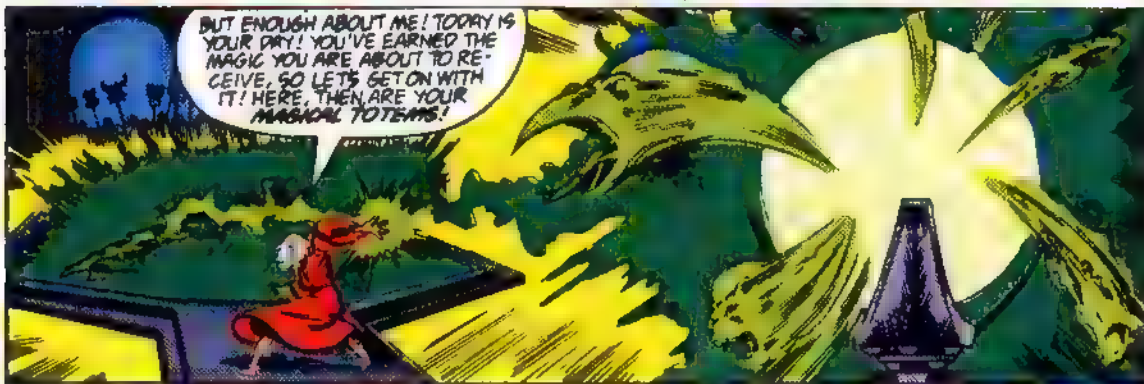
BUT, EVENTUALLY THE END NEARED-- ONLY A FEW GREAT WIZARDS SURVIVED-- ONLY THOSE WHO WERE ABLE TO READ THE SIGNS! FOR WHEN THE THREE SUNS OF PRYSMOS ALIGNED, IT HERALDED THE COMING OF THE AGE OF SCIENCE AND THE END OF THE AGE OF MAGIC! JUST AS THE RECENT CELESTIAL ALIGNMENT WAS MARKED THE RETURN OF THE AGE OF MAGIC!



ONLY BY SECRETING MY POWER WITHIN THIS MOUNTAIN, UPON WHICH MY CASTLE ONCE STOOD, WAS I ABLE TO SURVIVE LO, THESE MANY YEARS!



BUT ENOUGH ABOUT ME! TODAY IS YOUR DAY! YOU'VE EARNED THE MAGIC YOU ARE ABOUT TO RECEIVE, SO LET'S GET ON WITH IT! HERE, THEN, ARE YOUR MAGICAL TOTEMS!



BE NOT AFRAID, KNIGHTS OF PRYSMOS! ACCEPT THESE TOTEMS AS YOUR JUST REWARD! ONLY YOU HAD THE VISION IT TOOK TO SUCCEED IN FINDING THIS CHAMBER!

TRULY THOU ART VISIONARIES!

THE WORDS HE SPEAKS ARE TRUE! AT LAST WE WILL HAVE THE POWER TO REBUILD PRYSMOS!

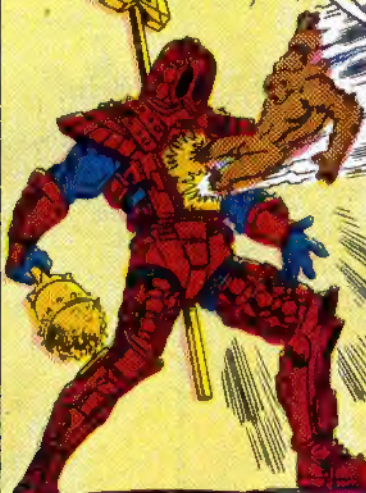


ARZON! WHEN IT WAS NECESSARY TO FLY YOU FOUND WINGS. FOR IT, YOU SHALL RECEIVE THE TOTEM OF THE EAGLE!

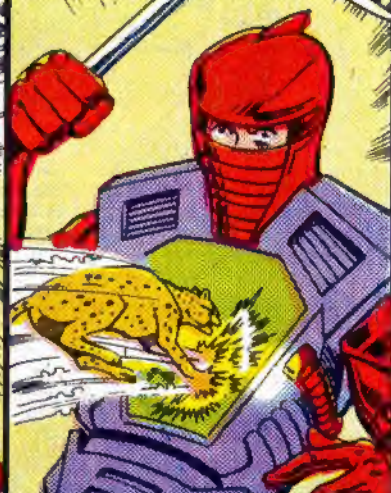
I KNEW THIS WOULD ALL BE WORTH IT!



CINDARR, FOR YOUR CLIMBING ABILITY, AND BRUTE STRENGTH I GIVE YOU THE GORILLA TOTEM!



WITTER QUICK, FOR YOUR BLINDING SPEED AND DEXTERITY, I GRANT YOU THE TOTEM OF THE FASTEST ANIMAL IN CREATION-- THE CHEETAH!



CRAVEX, FOR PLUCKING THE FALLEN WEAPONS FROM YOUR FELLOW KNIGHTS, YOU SHALL EARN THE TOTEM OF THE AIRBORNE SCAVENGER-- THE PHYLOT!



AND YOU, ECTAR, FOR HAVING THE CUNNING TO KNOW WHEN TO FOLLOW YOUR COMRADES AT A DISTANCE, WHICH WARNED OF THE AMBUSH, SHALL RECEIVE THE TOTEM OF THE FOX!



FOR BOOT-LICKING, AND OTHER LOATHSOME ACTS, I GIVE YOU, MORTDREDD, THE LOWLY, SCAMPERING BEETLE!



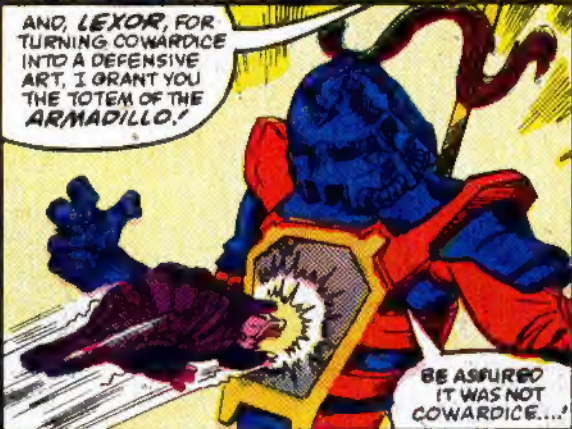
FERYL, FOR YOUR AMAZING TRACKING SKILLS, YOU WILL WEAR THE TOTEM OF THE **WOLF**!



AND YOU, **VIRULINA**, DISPLAYED A KILLING INSTINCT UNDERWATER THAT IS MATCHED ONLY BY THAT OF THE **SHARK**! THUS, IT SHALL BE YOUR TOTEM!



AND, **LEXOR**, FOR TURNING COWARDICE INTO A DEFENSIVE ART, I GRANT YOU THE TOTEM OF THE **ARMADILLO**!



BE ASSURED IT WAS NOT COWARDICE...!

CRYOTEK, FOR INCREDIBLE STRENGTH AND ENDURANCE YOU SHALL WEAR THE TOTEM OF THE **BEAR**!



GRRRR!

REEKON, FOR YOUR STEALTH AND TREACHERY, YOU SHALL BEAR THE TOTEM OF THE **LIZARD**!



AND FINALLY, **DARKSTORM**! FOR YOUR INCOMPARABLE SCALING SKILLS, AND SLIMINESS, YOU SHALL RECEIVE THE TOTEM OF THE **MOLLUCK**!



LEORIC, FOR RAW COURAGE AND LEADERSHIP, IT IS ONLY FITTING THAT YOU WEAR THE TOTEM OF THE KING OF BEASTS-- THE **LION**!

ROAR!

